Use of foreign trade marks

3086. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for allowing the foreign trade mark 'Cross' when the Colgate Registered Users Agreement has been rejected in public interest;

(b) whether the foreign trade mark 'Cross' will not hurt the local industry;

(c) whether Government have approved the Registered Users Agreement of M/s. Chandra Industries for the foreign trade mark 'Cross';

(d) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) what action Government propose to take in similar cases of using foreign trade mark without their approval like Rothmans, Chesterfield, Vespa, English Leather, etc; and

(f) by when Government are likely to lay down a clear policy for the use of foreign trade marks and the action to be taken when foreign trade marks are used in violation of Government's policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (f) The Government have not approved any Registered Users Agreement of M/s Chandra Industries for the foreign trade mark 'Cross'. Under the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act trade marks could be used without registration. The issue of regulating the issue of foreign trade marks on internal sales is engaging the attention of the Government.

No Industry Districts for Small Scale Sector

3087. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a policy decision to extend two Industry District/Special Region District to the backward areas of the country to narrow regional imbalances in the Industrial sector; if so, the names of the District as on date, Statewise and Categorywise viz., 'A', 'B' and 'C' and incentives/concessions offered to them; and

(b) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to popularise 'No Industry Districts' for establishment of Small Scale Sector'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The concept of No Industry Districts/*Special Region Districts was introduced* on 1-4-1983. About 300 districts/areas identified as centrally industrially backward districts/areas have been categorised into 3 categories viz. 'A', 'B' and 'C'. Their names and incentives/concessions available to them are given in the Booklet on "Incentives for industries in Backward Areas", updated upto 20th Oct., 1985 copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

(b) Small Scale industries in No Industry Districts are eligible for 25 per cent Central Investment Subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs, Concessional Term Loan at the rate of 12 5 per cent exemption from income-tax, machinery on hire-purchase, consultancy facilities for technical services, common facility services and skill upgradation etc.

Production of tyres in Public Sector

3088. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken by the Government to meet the shortage of tyres for commercial vehicles;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to augment the production in the Public Sector to meet the shortage in the production of tyres; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?